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Dear Sir:

In a Restriction Requirement mailed February 28, 2002, the Examiner restricted the pending claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-11 and 33-48, drawn to nucleic acid sensors and kits comprising the nucleic acid sensor.

Group II: Claims 12-32, drawn to methods for detecting target nucleic acid.

Group III: Claims 49-52, draws to methods for making nucleic acid sensors.

Election is made, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11 and 33-48. Applicants acknowledge that the inventions are distinct, but, as the Examiner states, the inventions of I and II are related as product and process of use, and the inventions of I and III are related as product and method of making. Searching Group I would yield the art related to Group II. Similarly, searching Group I would yield the art related to Group III.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the remaining claims, Groups II and III, in continuation applications, if the Examiner does not rejoin one or both of Groups II and III with Group I, within this application and after prosecution of Group I.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any questions or in order to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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